

able to present strategies, which, over time, turned into contracts with Tommy Hilfiger, Hush Puppies, and Wolverine Boots.

Eventually, Anthony's growing client base necessitated his departure from the Times. He partnered with the African-American media company that established the billboard beachhead on Harlem's 125th Street, utilized by so many entertainment companies at the time. Together they formed VMG, with Anthony leading the charge. After merely four years of business, its roster counts big-timers such as the U.S. Army, Nike, Tommy Hilfiger, Coca Cola, Remy Martin, Foot Action, Posner Cosmetics and Universal Records to name a few. It has an income of over \$7 million in annual revenue.

Vital Marketing's unusual methodology and its consistent success can be credited in great part to its founder and president, Anthony Joseph. The Queens-bred son of a Jamaican mother and Puerto Rican father, Anthony, understood the significance of culture early on as it related to marketing.

In May 2001, VMG was presented with the Black Enterprise Rising Star Award, in honor of the high revenues garnered by VMG's high profile clients. A year later, VMG offered further proof that they were on the ascent when they turned a cold call and a year of conversation into a multimillion dollar contract with the U.S. Army via advertising giant Leo Burnett.

Mr. Speaker, Anthony Joseph has created a successful company through his own hard work and ingenuity. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

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**REMEMBERING DR. J.W. REMKE,  
JR., GENEROUS AND DEDICATED  
COMMUNITY LEADER**

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2004*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. J.W. Remke, Jr. of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Dr. Remke was a dedicated community leader, a distinguished optometrist and businessman admired throughout Tennessee for his willingness to help others. Dr. Remke was always happy to use his time and his energies to build a better life for his community and its families.

Joe Remke knew early in life what he wanted to do and where he wanted to live. After graduating from the University of Tennessee and the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, he returned to his hometown of Lawrenceburg and soon opened his own business, the Remke Eye Clinic. For the next 50 years, Dr. Remke could be found helping his friends and neighbors see better—in Lawrenceburg, Waynesboro, Hohenwald or Lewisburg, even a few politicians in Nashville and Washington, D.C. For Dr. Remke, work was a joy, more a hobby than anything else, and something he looked forward to. Even at the age of 79, Dr. Remke saw patients every day, right up until the time of his brief illness.

Dr. Remke's commitment to his patients was truly outstanding—just like his commitment to his community. He was a founder of

the 21st Century Council, the first economic and community development organization in Lawrence County. Thanks to his leadership, major employers including the Jones Apparel Group soon established operations in the area. I don't know of any community leader in Tennessee who has done more to attract industry to his community. Whenever there was a local need, Joe Remke gave generously. He had served as President of the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, as Chairman of the Lawrenceburg Power Board and as president of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club. Dr. Remke, along with his late wife, Peggy Jo Remke, were equally dedicated to supporting the activities of their church, Lawrenceburg's Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Even with all of his work with community organizations and local businesses, Dr. Remke was perhaps celebrated most for his generous spirit and wise counsel. I benefited tremendously from such advice when he was kind enough to help me in my earliest campaigns. Whether it was a new business idea that needed help or just a relaxed visit with an old friend, folks from Lawrence County to Nashville, Memphis, and Knoxville always knew they'd find the support and guidance they were looking for in a chat with Dr. Remke.

On behalf of his many friends in the Fifth District of Tennessee, I send my deepest condolences to Dr. Joe Remke's wonderful family.

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**PAYING TRIBUTE TO RALPH  
WILLIAMS**

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the hard work and success of Ralph Williams of Pueblo, Colorado. Strong small businesses build strong communities, and Ralph has provided much leadership in continuing SCA Insurance's strong business tradition in the Pueblo community.

As the chief of SCA Insurance, Ralph is considered by his colleagues as an expert in the industry. Ralph's personable style and business acumen helped to build a loyal clientele and to work closely with local agencies and other statewide organizations. The Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce recently honored Ralph for his work as a business leader with their Charles W. Crews Business Leader of the Year award.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to acknowledge Ralph Williams before this body of Congress and this nation for his dedication and commitment to success. His work as a business leader in the Pueblo community is certainly commendable. I congratulate him on his achievements, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

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**A TRIBUTE TO KATIE DAVIS**

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Katie Davis in recognition of her dedication to

her community through both her professional and volunteer activities.

Katie Davis is someone who is energetic and inspirational and continues to serve as a respected dynamic leader in the community. However, after serving thirty-three and a half years in public service, she is retiring from her position as the Deputy Director for Support Services at Kingsboro Psychiatric Center, Brooklyn, NY, effective April 29, 2004.

Katie graduated from Hunter College Magna Cum Laude, earning a B.S. in Community Health. Later, she received a Master's degree in Public Health Administration at Columbia University. She began her public service as a Registered Nurse at Kings County Hospital Center, and later was employed as Associate Director for Clinical Service for 9 years at Harlem Hospital Center.

Katie is the wife of Hervin L. Davis and mother of Charlene and Jacqueline Davis, who continues to serve as an inspiration in spite of her untimely death. As a young woman who overcame her mental disability, Jacqueline served others until her untimely passing in her early 20s.

Katie is a long-time member of the Antioch Baptist Church in Brooklyn where the Reverend Robert M. Waterman is pastor. She is known in the community and among the Antioch Baptist Church family as a spirited and committed Christian. She has faithfully supported many church activities over the years and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Antioch Capital Campaign. Katie genuinely cares about those in her community and is always working with others to serve those in need.

Throughout her career, Katie has continued to be actively involved in activities and programs to improve the educational and social conditions of her community. She is energetic and strategic in her approach, getting others involved in addressing key issues that affect the young and the elderly. Long noted for her active leadership throughout the community, she continues to promote and encourage young people and adults to seek an education, as demonstrated by her current position as President of Medgar Evers College Community Council. The Council awards several scholarships annually to eligible students attending Medgar Evers College who exhibit outstanding academic performance and potential leadership qualities.

Katie's dedication and clever leadership skills are consistently recognized at Kingsboro Psychiatric Center. She volunteers her time as a facilitator of the Advisory Committee for the Emerson-Davis Family Center. This special center houses single-parent families, separated by homelessness, parental mental disability or substance abuse, who are reunited by the Emerson-Davis Family Center in Brooklyn, New York. While "Emerson" refers to the Center's street address, "Davis" honors Jacqueline Davis, Katie's deceased daughter.

Mr. Speaker, Katie Davis has dedicated herself to helping people and families in need through her distinguished professional career and her community-based work. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.